

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-295-C - ORDER NO. 2000-1012
DECEMBER 19, 2000

IN RE:	Application of Quick Connect Telephone)	ORDER
	Service, Incorporated for a Certificate of)	GRANTING
	Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	CERTIFICATE FOR
	Intrastate Local Exchange and Interexchange)	LOCAL AND
	Telecommunications Services, and for)	INTEREXCHANGE
	Alternative Regulation and Flexible)	AUTHORITY,
	Regulation.)	ALTERNATIVE AND
)	FLEXIBLE
)	REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application and Petition for Rehearing of Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. ("Quick Connect" or the "Company") for authority to provide intrastate local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services as a non-facilities-based provider within the State of South Carolina. The Company requests that the Commission regulate its local telecommunications services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. In addition, the Company requests that the Commission regulate its business services offerings identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. The Company's Application and Petition for Rehearing were filed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 58 of the South Carolina Code Annotated, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

By letter, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Quick Connect to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. The Company complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. A Petition to Intervene was received from the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") on August 15, 2000.

On August 31, 2000, counsel for SCTC filed with the Commission a Stipulation in which Quick Connect stipulated that it would seek authority in non-rural local exchange ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina and that it would not provide any local service to any customer located in a rural incumbent's service area, unless and until Quick Connect provided written notice of its intent prior to the date of the intended service. The Company also stipulated that it was not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas. Quick Connect agreed to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate to the extent that it may be required to do so by the Commission in support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates. The SCTC withdrew its opposition to the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Company provided the conditions contained in the Stipulation are met. The Stipulation is approved and attached as Order Exhibit 1.

A hearing was commenced on November 28, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable William Saunders, Chairman, presided. Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. was represented by Frank R. Ellerbe, Esquire. Adelaide D. Kline, Staff

Counsel, represented the Commission Staff. William P. Blume, Audit Manager II, and James M. McDaniel, Chief of Telecommunications, testified on behalf of the Commission Staff.

Malcolm E. Owens, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Sharon B. Owens, Secretary and Manager of Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc., appeared and testified in support of the Application.

According to the record, Mr. Owens is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has owned his own CPA firm in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, since 1995. He testified he will be responsible for the Company's overall operations including the creation and implementation of sales policies and procedures, and the financial policies, of the Company's prepaid telephone services system. Mr. Owens further testified that Sharon B. Owens will be the Company's Secretary and Manager, and that Charles C. Ling will be Vice President of Marketing.

Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. is a newly-created, privately-held South Carolina corporation. Quick Connect was organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on April 13, 2000. The Company requests authority to provide prepaid interexchange telecommunications services for the direct transmission and reception of voice between locations throughout the State of South Carolina as a reseller of the incumbent local exchange company's facilities. Since the Company will be operating as a reseller of local exchange and long distance services, Quick Connect's traffic will be routed entirely over the networks of its underlying carriers. Quick Connect will be relying on its facilities-based underlying carriers for the operation and maintenance of its networks. The quality of service that Quick Connect's customers will receive will be at least equivalent to that provided by the incumbent local exchange carriers and certificated interexchange carriers.

Furthermore, Quick Connect requests that the Commission regulate its business services, consumer card, and operator service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established by Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C. In addition, the Company requests that the Commission allow Quick Connect to adopt the flexible rate structure for its local exchange service offerings similar to that approved by Order No. 1998-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C.

Upon receiving certification from this Commission, the Company proposes to offer resold local and long distance services to residential and business subscribers on a prepaid basis throughout the State of South Carolina. The Company will provide its prepaid local customers with a single, voice-grade communications channel including a telephone number and a single directory listing. The consumer may also select optional features such as call waiting and call forwarding. Mr. Owens testified that Quick Connect will initially target residential customers who have been disconnected by their local carrier for nonpayment or consumers who are unable to satisfy conventional incumbent or competitive carriers' credit standards. The record reveals Quick Connect will also offer prepaid long distance services within the state. Mr. Owens explained that prepaid long distance cards will be sold at the Company's offices and at all agent locations in amounts of \$10 increments. He stated the Company's name and toll-free telephone number and surcharge information would appear on each card. He said the Company originally intends to begin selling local prepaid services from its office located in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and intends to expand throughout the BellSouth/Verizon/Sprint areas in the state using authorized sales agents. He said the Company is aware of the Commission's marketing guidelines. Mr. Owens further stated that the Company intends to get a customer's telephone

service connected as quickly as possible by having its agents Fax customer applications to the home office immediately after sign-up. He explained that Quick Connect will establish a corporate bank account so that all funds collected on behalf of customers will be deposited on a daily basis. He said the Company would provide agents with a Daily Payment Log to be Faxed to the main office by the close of business each day, and he further said the Company will use standard forms in processing agent and customer transactions. Mr. Owens testified his Company will use a signed letter of authorization to ensure no slamming occurs with its customers. Mr. Owens said his Company would use television and radio advertising and he stated he is aware of the Commission's marketing guidelines. Mr. Owens also testified he is aware of the Commission's bond requirement as a condition of offering debit card services and that the Company will post the necessary \$5,000 bond.

Mr. Owens testified as to the Company's technical, managerial, and financial ability to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina. Regarding the Company's financial ability to offer its services in South Carolina, the testimony reveals Quick Connect possesses the necessary financial qualifications to provide the services for which it seeks authority. The Company's financial statements were submitted with Quick Connect's Application to demonstrate its financial resources. The record reveals that Quick Connect is a start-up company which has not begun offering services in any state. He said if additional funds are needed for the Company's operation that the three principals are committed to make further personal investments as needed. He said he and Sharon B. Owens are qualified to obtain an additional \$100,000 in funds for the Company through Allied Mortgage Capital Corporation. Mr. Owens stated that Quick Connect will only utilize underlying carriers properly certified by the South

Carolina Public Service Commission. He further stated that the final determination of the Company's underlying carrier had not been made at the time of the hearing. He said the Company was in the process of negotiating with BellSouth, GTE/Verizon, Horry Telephone Company, and Sprint as to interconnection and underlying carrier agreements. Mr. Owens testified that he will serve as Quick Connect's financial contact person.

The record reveals that when the Company begins offering services within the State of South Carolina, customers having inquiries or complaints will be able to reach Quick Connect twenty-four hours a day, seven days by dialing the toll-free customer service telephone number. The Company's offices will be open in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. An answering machine will accept calls made to the toll-free number on weekends. Mr. Owens testified that Quick Connect's customers will initially pay for their prepaid local services at the office or local payment center. After the Company receives the first payment, Quick Connect will send monthly bills on or about the twentieth day of each month for the prepayment of the next month's services. Prepayment will be due no later than the tenth of the month. Mr. Owens said that the Company's name, address and toll free telephone number will be included on each customer's monthly bill. The record reveals that Quick Connect's billing will be performed in-house. He testified that basic local prepaid services will be \$47.95 per month with a connection/installation fee of \$30.00 per customer for basic local exchange services. He said Sharon B. Owens will serve as the regulatory and customer service contact person.

According to Mr. Owens, Quick Connect's three member key managerial staff will include himself as President and Chief Financial Officer, Sharon B. Owens as Secretary and

Manager, and Charles C. Ling, who will be Vice President of Marketing. The record reveals Mr. Owens graduated from Francis Marion University with a degree in biology, chemistry, and business administration. The record further reveals Mr. Owens has extensive management experience as Company Commander for the Army National Guard in Mullins, South Carolina, from 1967 through 1994. Sharon B. Owens graduated from Decatur Junior College in Decatur, Alabama. At the time of the hearing she was a staff accountant for Stephen T. Evans, CPA. Prior to that work experience, the record reveals she has worked as the officer manager and/or account executive for small radio stations and a newspaper over a fifteen year period of time. Mrs. Owens testified she recently completed BellSouth's CLEC Basic Training Course and BellSouth's LENS Training course. She further stated at the time of the hearing that she was in the process of completing GTE/Verizon's LSOG-2 and 4 training modules. Mr. Owens testified that Mr. Ling has more than twenty-one years of experience in the radio industry and has owned a radio station in Georgetown, South Carolina, for the last seven years. Mr. Owens further testified that Mr. Ling recently sold the radio station in order to be involved on a full time basis with Quick Connect. Mr. Ling graduated from Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University with degrees in business administration, mass communications, and journalism. Mr. Owens testified the three members of the management team all intend to be involved on a full time basis with the management of Quick Connect at its office in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

Blume testified as to his findings of the Audit Department's review of Quick Connect's financial statements that were submitted as part of the Company's Application. Blume reviewed financial statements that were dated May 31, 2000, and a projected income and expense table for the year 2001. He said the Company is in a start up mode with a balance sheet that reflects a

good cash and financial position to start up its operations and that equity is strong due to additional paid in capital by the stockholders.

McDaniel presented testimony to the Commission on the Utilities Department's findings with respect to Quick Connect's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. McDaniel's testimony also included information as to the Company's technical abilities to offer the services it proposes to offer in South Carolina. He said the BellSouth training programs completed by Mrs. Owens should provide a resale carrier sufficient exposures to the systems and processes necessary to serve its customers, as underlying carriers actually provide and maintain the network for resale carriers. Additionally, McDaniel testified that Quick Connect seeks a waiver of application of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999) which requires the publication and distribution of local telephone directories and the provision of directory listings. Quick Connect will contract with the incumbent local exchange carriers (and/or their directory publishing affiliates) to provide its customers with directory listings as to undertake the distribution of directories. McDaniel also recommended the Commission require Quick Connect to file a \$5,000 surety bond or certificate of deposit as a condition of providing prepaid telephone services in the State of South Carolina. In addition, Quick Connect requests this Commission's permission to maintain its financial records in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA).

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Quick Connect is organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina and is authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. Quick Connect is a provider of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services and wishes to provide its services in South Carolina.
3. Quick Connect has the managerial, technical, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application.
4. The Commission finds that Quick Connect's "provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(3) (Supp. 1999).
5. The Commission finds that Quick Connect will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.
6. The Commission finds that Quick Connect will provide services which will meet the service standards of the Commission.
7. The Commission finds that the provision of local exchange service by Quick Connect "does not otherwise adversely impact the public interest." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(5) (Supp. 1999).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Quick Connect to provide competitive intrastate non-rural local exchange service in South Carolina. The terms of the Stipulation between Quick Connect and SCTC are approved, and adopted as a part of this Order. Any

proposal to provide such service to rural service areas is subject to the terms of the Stipulation. In addition, Quick Connect is granted authority to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth herein, through its own facilities and through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Service (MTS), directory assistance, travel card service or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. Quick Connect shall file, prior to offering local exchange services in South Carolina, its final tariff of its local service offerings conforming to all matters discussed with Staff and comporting with South Carolina law in all matters. Quick Connect's local telecommunications services shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation first granted to NewSouth Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Specifically, the Commission adopts for Quick Connect's competitive intrastate local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels that will have been previously approved by the Commission. Further, Quick Connect's local exchange service tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case the tariff filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. Further, any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

3. The Commission adopts a rate design for the long distance services of Quick Connect which are consistent with the principles and procedures established for alternative

regulation of business service offerings set out in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

Under the Commission approved alternative regulation, the business service offerings of Quick Connect including consumer card services, and operator services, are subject to a relaxed regulatory scheme identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Under this relaxed regulatory scheme, tariff filings for business services shall be presumed valid upon filing. The Commission will have seven (7) days in which to institute an investigation of any tariff filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular tariff filing within the seven days, the tariff filing will then be suspended until further Order of the Commission. Any relaxation in the future reporting requirements that may be adopted for AT&T shall apply to Quick Connect also.

4. With regard to the residential interexchange service offerings of Quick Connect, the Commission adopts a rate design which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

5. Quick Connect shall not adjust its residential interexchange rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. Quick Connect shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not

constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level for residential interexchange services reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1999).

6. If it has not already done so by the date of issuance of this Order, Quick Connect shall file its revised long distance tariff and an accompanying price list within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

7. Quick Connect is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584 in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

8. With regard to the Company's resale interexchange service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user so desires.

9. Quick Connect shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If Quick Connect changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

10. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, Quick Connect shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving Stipulation

and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993), with the exception of the 10-XXX intraLATA dialing requirement, which has been rendered obsolete by the toll dialing parity rules established by the Federal Communications Commission, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (See, 47 CFR 51.209).

11. Quick Connect shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The annual report and the gross receipt filings will necessitate the filing of intrastate information. Therefore, Quick Connect shall keep such financial records on an intrastate basis as needed to comply with the annual report and gross receipt filings. The form the Company shall use to file annual financial information with the Commission can be found at the Commission's website at www.psc.state.sc.us/forms. The two page form the Company shall use to file this information is entitled "Annual information on South Carolina Operations for Interexchange Companies and AOS". Be advised that the Commission's annual report for telecommunications companies requires the filing of intrastate revenues and intrastate expenses.

12. In addition, Quick Connect is required to file annual report information for competitive local exchange carriers. The form the Company shall use to file annual financial information with the Commission can be found at the Commission's website at www.psc.state.sc.us/forms. This form is entitled "Annual Report for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers" and consists of four pages.

13. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the

Company shall provide to the Commission in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours.

Quick Connect shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The form the Company shall use to file this authorized utility representative information can be found at the Commission's website at www.psc.state.sc.us/forms. This form is entitled "Authorized Utility Representative Information." Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission in writing if the representatives are replaced.

14. Quick Connect shall conduct its business in compliance with Commission decisions and Orders, both past and future, including but not limited to, any and all Commission decisions which may be rendered in Docket No. 96-018-C regarding local competition.

15. By its Application, Quick Connect Office requested a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999) so that the Company may contract with the ILECs to provide its customers with directory listings as well as to undertake the distribution of directories. We grant a waiver of the application of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999) to the Company. Quick Connect is given permission to maintain its financial records in conformance with GAAP. Quick Connect is directed to comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Commission, unless a regulation is specifically waived by the Commission.

16. Title 23, Chapter 47, South Carolina Code of Laws Ann., governs the establishment and implementation of a "Public Safety Communications Center," which is more commonly known as a "911 system" or "911 service." Services available through a 911 system

include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. In recognition of the necessity of quality 911 services being provided to the citizens of South Carolina, the Commission hereby instructs Quick Connect to contact the appropriate authorities regarding 911 service in the counties and cities where the Company will be operating. Contact with the appropriate authorities is to be made before beginning telephone service in South Carolina. Accompanying this Order is an information packet from the South Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association ("SC NENA") with contact information and sample forms. The Company may also obtain information by contacting the E911 Coordinator at the Office of Information Resources of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. By this Order and prior to providing services within South Carolina, Quick Connect shall contact the 911 Coordinator in each county, as well as the 911 Coordinator in each city where the city has its own 911 system, and shall provide information regarding the Company's operations as required by the 911 system.

17. As a condition of offering debit card services, the Commission requires the Company to post with the Commission a bond in the form of a Certificate of Deposit worth \$5,000 drawn in the name of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina or a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 which is payable to the Commission. The Certificate of Deposit shall be drawn on federal or state chartered banks or savings and loan associations which maintain an office in this state and whose accounts are insured by either the FDIC or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. A surety bond shall be issued by a duly licensed bonding or insurance company authorized to do business in South Carolina. This condition may be reviewed in one year.


18. If the Company sells its debit cards to retail establishments for resale of the debit cards, and the retailer of the debit cards deviates from the suggested retail price as filed in the tariff, or as approved by the Commission in a special promotion, then the Company will withdraw its cards from that retail outlet. This Commission strongly suggests that the Company enter into written agreements with its South Carolina retail outlets regarding this policy of abiding by suggested retail pricing prior to the outlet marketing the card.

19. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director (SEAL)

BEFORE
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8/31/00

Docket No. 2000-0295-C

Re: Application of Quick Connect Telephone Service,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange and)
Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in)
the State of South Carolina)

STIPULATION

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. ("Quick Connect") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Quick Connect's Application. SCTC and Quick Connect stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Quick Connect, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
2. Quick Connect stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Quick Connect to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
3. Quick Connect stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.
4. Quick Connect stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless

and until Quick Connect provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Quick Connect acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Quick Connect stipulates and agrees that, if Quick Connect gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Quick Connect will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Quick Connect acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

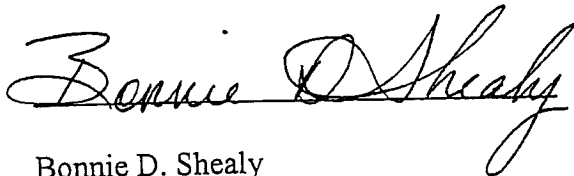
7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Quick Connect, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Quick Connect agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Quick Connect hereby amends its application and its pre-filed testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 21st day of August, 2000.

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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.
Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company
Heath Springs Telephone Company Inc.
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company
Lockhart Telephone Company
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Pond Branch Telephone Company
Ridgeway Telephone Company
Rock Hill Telephone Company
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
St. Stephen Telephone Company
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company

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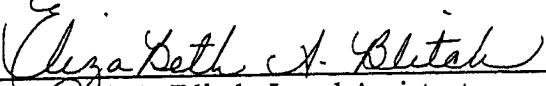
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**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid to:

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